Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, On January 27, 1947, a girl child was born and christened Mary Elizabeth Chalus; and,

WHEREAS, Mary Beth grew to womanhood in Sioux Falls and received diplomas from O'Gorman High School, and attended the University of South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Mary Beth married Robert Olaf Thoen and they have been blessed with three sons, Erik, Matthew and Joey, setting the stage for the next major event in Mary Beth's life—grandmotherhood; and,

WHEREAS, It took her older sister-in-law, Mickey, over a year to realize she was truly over the hill; and,

WHEREAS, Mickey states that at one time she was a useful member of the Thoen family, but her usefulness is drawing quickly to a close as she approaches the age of Geritol, dentures, prunes and Medicare; and,

WHEREAS, Mary Beth Thoen has reached her FORTY-FIRST birthday, an event which will end her trustworthiness and relegate her social life to rocking chairs and lap rugs; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to proclaim to all of South Dakota that Mary Beth Thoen is just plain OLD:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 27, 1988, as

MARY BETH THOEN IS OVER THE HILL DAY

in South Dakota, and I urge all of Mary Beth's many friends and relatives to mock her and rub it in, because she is now a member in good standing of the "Over-the-Hill Gang."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE